

**Bureau of Land Management, Interior**

**§ 3286.1**

28.2 In the event of a dispute as to title as to any royalty, Working Interest, or other interests subject hereto, payment or delivery on account thereof may be withheld without liability for interest until the dispute is finally settled: *Provided*, That, as to Federal land or leases, no payments of funds due the United States shall be withheld, but such funds shall be deposited as directed by the authorized officer to be held as unearned money pending final settlement of the title dispute, and then applied as earned or returned in accordance with such final settlement.

**ARTICLE XXIX—TAXES**

29.1 The Working Interest Owners shall render and pay for their accounts and the accounts of the owners of nonworking interests all valid taxes on or measured by the Unitized Substances in and under or that may be produced, gathered, and sold or utilized from the land subject to this Agreement after the effective date hereof.

29.2 The Working Interest Owners on each tract may charge a proper proportion of the taxes paid under 29.1 hereof to the owners of nonworking interests in said tract, and may reduce the allocated share of each royalty owner for taxes so paid. No taxes shall be charged to the United States or the State of \_\_\_\_\_ or to any lessor who has a contract with his lessee which requires the lessee to pay such taxes.

**ARTICLE XXX—RELATION OF PARTIES**

30.1 It is expressly agreed that the relation of the parties hereto is that of independent contractors and nothing in this Agreement contained, expressed, or implied,

nor any operations conducted hereunder, shall create or be deemed to have created a partnership or association between the parties hereto or any of them.

**ARTICLE XXXI—SPECIAL FEDERAL LEASE  
STIPULATIONS AND/OR CONDITIONS**

31.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall modify special lease stipulations and/or conditions applicable to lands of the United States. No modification of the conditions necessary to protect the lands or functions of lands under the jurisdiction of any Federal agency is authorized except with prior consent in writing whereby the authorizing official specifies the modification permitted.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and have set opposite their respective names the date of execution.

Unit operator (as unit operator and as working interest owner) \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses:

Witnesses:

By \_\_\_\_\_

Working Interest Owners:

Witnesses:

By \_\_\_\_\_

Other Interest Owners:

By \_\_\_\_\_

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